

# ***OLA Parish Council***

## ***Approved Meeting Minutes***

April 6, 2017

### **I. Attendance:**

Present: Fr. Mike Resop, Terra Naumowich, Deb McCann, John Breiten, Rachel Braun, John Searle, Frank McKearn, Sarah Carter,

Absent: Bekki Zammuto, Sandy Blevins, Mariana Ramirez

Guests: OLA staff: Laura Warzecha, Gino Finn, Rachel Shepperd, Rob Olsen, and Trevor Seivert; Roger Kemman, Finance Council,

### **II. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order at 8:06pm with prayer.

### **III. *From Maintenance to Mission*- Reflection on Part III with Council members and Commission Leadership- please see additional comments and thoughts following the formal meeting minutes.**

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved.

### **V. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes were distributed for review. Please respond by email with any comments or corrections.

### **VI. Commission Reports-** Please remember: Commissions will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm followed by Parish Council meeting at 8pm. **Full minutes from commission meetings will be forthcoming. Highlights are as follows:**

- A. Finance Council Report-** Review of the budget revealed lower than expected results for March but this may be explained by Easter falling in March last year. Overall YTD looks consistent and on-track with budget. An update on the annual fund was presented. To date, \$29,000 has been contributed. This exceeds the \$25K goal. This year's annual fund will be completed with the fiscal year and updates are available on the school website. Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year was reviewed. Budget numbers for the next fiscal year will be reviewed at the next meeting. Funds were approved for building maintenance.

- B. Stewardship Commission-** Welcome packets for new parishioners are complete and available for review. The group is defining the process for welcoming new parishioners. Maps that show current OLA parishioners are being used to allow neighborhood volunteers to assist in welcoming new families.
- C. Social Justice Commission-** Please note the upcoming Stateline Pregnancy Banquet will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Dismas ministries is looking for funding sources to purchase the bibles and workbooks they us in jail ministry. The group seeks guidance from the staff and Council on prioritizing what items are available in the gathering space.
- D. Parish Life Commission-** no report, Please be reminded that Parish Pictorial Directories will be scheduled in May with pictures being taken in June and July.
- E. Education Commission-**
- **Youth Ministry** In an effort to standardize the age of Confirmation as requested by Bishop Morlino, OLA will begin a transition next year in which all 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed. Next year all high school students will meet following the 10:30 mass. Junior and seniors will be given service and youth ministry opportunities.
  - **Faith Formation:** 48 children will be making their First Communion in May. Plans are being finalized for Vacation Bible School which will be held June 12-16<sup>th</sup>. Rob reported that Lenten book and Bible study have been very well received.
  - **School:** The annual Spring Fling is set for April 29<sup>th</sup> and tickets are currently on sale. The commission will begin review of the bylaws and membership criteria. The unapproved 2017-18 school calendar was reviewed. The PTO is looking for leadership volunteers.
- F. Liturgy Commission-** Plans to move the tabernacle and repurpose that space continue. Preparations for the Holy Triduum are finalized. Council members are asked to participate in Adoration of the Sacrament after Holy Thursday mass. Please see the email Randy sent out earlier for times. We will decorate for Easter on April 15<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to help.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Water Wall in Courtyard/Prayer Garden-** The water memorial is in need of repair having caused some water leakage into the building. As

well, the courtyard around the water feature is requiring more upkeep than anticipated. Therefore, we are looking to replace the feature. Ways to fund the project are being explored.

## **VII. Updates-**

- B. Maintenance to Mission-** Tonight concludes the reading of *From Maintenance to Mission*. At the rest of the meetings this year, we will put this study into action. Members are encouraged to reflect on these teachings and discuss in commission meetings. Concrete action plans will be developed at the May and June meetings.
- C. Cluster Meeting-** Several Council members and Staff were in attendance at a Cluster meeting last week. This social evening gave us a chance to meet and learn the issues facing the Beloit Cluster. Most found the meeting beneficial and enjoyable. There are plans to continue this type of meeting biannually. The group is looking into having an outdoor Mass for the entire cluster sometime in the future.
- D. Day of Reflection-** Laura is finalizing plans for a day of reflection for pastoral ministries. More information will be made available soon and all staff and Council members are welcome. The date for this event is April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- E. The New Evangelization Summit- May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** – The staff and Council are invited to attend this live streaming event in Madison followed by breakout sessions. If you are interested in attending for one or both days, please let Gino know. He will be making reservations.

## **VIII. Closing Prayer** – meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:45 pm

Next meeting: May 4, 2017 at 8pm

Submitted by: Terra Naumowich

## ***From Maintenance to Mission***

### ***Part III the Evangelizing Parish***

#### **Discussion and Reflection:**

How do you see yourself as priest, prophet, and king? How can you live each of these?

Do you feel supported and heard? How can we improve collaboration?

#### **Discussion Points**

- We often lack the confidence to be prophets, intimidated to explain our faith. How do we improve this? YouCat and DoCat are online resources for understanding the catechism and Catholic doctrine.
- Defining ourselves as a Servant King feels the most comfortable.
- Collaboration has definitely improved. The feeling of “team” is evident. To improve collaboration people respond to direct interaction. Just ask! Personally! Improving collaboration is enhanced by affirming the positive. The entire group expresses pride in all the activities we are currently involved in (i.e. Hands of Faith, Caritas, Dismas, Community outreach to Muslims and undocumented citizens, community outreach for Good Friday fish fry and Thanksgiving dinner). These are examples of living our faith. Affirm the positive at OLA!
- There is a need to reach out to young adults (after confirmation, before marriage/family). How do we re-engage this group?
- Some doctrine can seem out of touch for certain members such as divorced Catholics, LGBT, etc. How do we bridge this gap with understanding?

#### **Next steps:**

- Where do we go from here?
- As a parish what are our goals?
- How can we implement the three goals of *Go and Make disciples*?